



December Trip Report

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Members and guests met at the Albertsons parking lot for the planned trip over the Old Flowers Road. Craig led us up Rist Canyon to the Stove Prairie School where we stopped to lock in the hubs and air down tires. Our vehicle count was at 25 when we started up again.

While going very slowly through the private property, Craig got on the CB and explained about an old club tradition. It is when we open a gate for all to go through, every one in line should leave a trinket or gift on the gate post for the last person in line who has to close the gate. Well, ol' Dave Piller just happened to be the one to close the gate on this day and with 25 vehicles, he made quite a haul. Let's see, he got a Mountaineers refrigerator magnet, washer, hair clip, a hat, 5 pence in English money, ratty piece of gum, a hand warmer, a mint chocolate chip cookie and \$1.12 in assorted change.

As we went up the road we encountered small ice hills. If you stopped in the middle of one, it was almost impossible to get going again. Your tires would be going forward but your vehicle would slide backwards. We soon learned that momentum was going to be the word for the day. If you could just keep your momentum going forward, you would never get stuck. When we reached the sluice, it didn't disappoint. It is



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an ice hill until you reach the top and then a big snow drift blocks your way into a large meadow. We spent some time there watching each other blast the big drift. Dan was the one to make it look easy but of course most of the rest of us had softened it up for him as he was one of the last to try. The group moved on to the log cabin for lunch. Brett pulled out the gas powered 4WD RC buggy to jump snow piles and chase the dogs for awhile. It sure was impressive to see 25 vehicles all lined up.

After lunch, we came to several small ice hills which were just a taste of what was just ahead. We arrived at the longest icy uphill stretch of the day. It only took us an hour and a half to get all the vehicles over it. Coyote Johns Cruiser died while he was waiting his turn on the hill. It just turned out to be a loose wire under the dash instead of a loose nut behind the steering wheel. He also spent the down time chaining up all 4 wheels. That exercise came in handy for the two vehicles in front of John. When they couldn't make the hill, they asked John to match up bumpers and push them up the hill in tandem. He did!!! We did have one guest that burned up his winch when he tried to pull several vehicles up the hill.

Rubicon John had problems getting up the hill. Seeing this, Elaine walked back down the hill to tell John that there was no way that his Rubicon shouldn't be able to get up the hill under its own

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power. Elaine gave him some advice and words of encouragement and then walked back up the hill. John put the pedal to the metal and started sawing the wheel back and forth. By the time he crested the top, it looked as if he had had an out of body experience and he just couldn't stop smiling..

When we reached the bottom, we stopped to air up our tires. Rubicon John was still thanking Elaine for her help on the trail. To hear John tell it, she can walk on water and had better change her CB handle from "4WD Extreme Queen" to "4WD Goddess". All in all, it was just another great day to be wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

Garfield





Club Trip ICE RACING

The January trip will be ice racing in the Lost Lake area outside of Red Feather. The trip planners checked out the lake and the ice is good and thick. We will have a fire to cook over so bring your Spam or hot dogs. We will set up a course on the ice and the race will be for elimination (bare rubber tires only). We have 1st & 2nd place plaques for the winners. Meet at the North College Albertsons parking lot for a 9:00 am departure.



Guest At Last Meeting

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| John Aronold | Ken Fetter |
| Gary Graham | Sam Altman |
| Shawn Pagan | Dave Surface |
| Milt Gibbs | |



New Member

- Gary & Missy Graham #66
Dave Surface #67

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The Survey Results

The results are in and they are as diverse as our club is. The first question asked was what your two most favorite club trips were. There were 15 trips or places receiving votes which is testament to our trip planners doing a great job again this year. It was a mixture of easy and hard trails which is a statement that we need to keep doing it the way we are. The top two vote getters were Crystal Mountain (7 votes) and Carnage Canyon (6 votes). It's a shame that both of our favorite trails have controversy attached to them. Green Ridge got 4 votes followed by Kingston Peak, Kelly Flats and the Sand Dunes with 3 votes each and snow bashing on Crown Point with 2 votes. Honorable mention with only one vote went to: Bald Mountain, Ice Racing, snow bashing, Seven Mile (in winter), Jenny Creek, Hells Revenge, Golden Spike and Moab.

The second part of our survey asked if you were going out to buy a new 4WD vehicle off the showroom floor, what would it be? Strangely enough, no one asked to have a Hummer or an Escalade under their Christmas tree. We do have a few Mountaineers that do like his or her creature comforts by asking the good fairy to drop off a Lincoln Navigator, a Mercedes, a GMC dually Duramax, a Pathfinder, a Power wagon and a smattering of Grand Cherokees. A couple of



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our club members like their trucks big as they had the new International CXT pickup listed. A couple of members said “anything but a Jeep” (I just hope that they found a Geo Tracker under their tree, isn't that the same thing as a lump of coal?). By far, the most coveted vehicle in our survey was the Rubicon Unlimited

The last question was “if you were going to buy a used 4WD vehicle to build, what would it be? What a mixed bag this was. The vast majority of the vehicles mentioned were the Jeep brand. A couple of Toyotas and Scouts were mentioned along with an old Chevy and a Pathfinder. We do have one masochist in our club that wanted to rebuild an old Defender 90. Hmmm, sounds like fun.



Attention Board Members

Our next Board meeting will be at JeepnDave’s House February 7th @ 7:30pm.

We will make this year’s schedule at that meeting.



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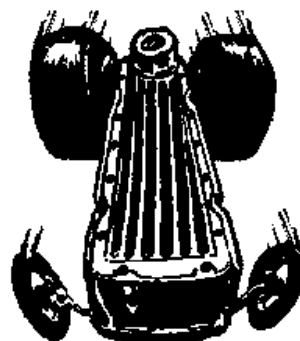
4th Annual Valve Cover Races

During the March meeting we will be holding our great valve cover race sponsored by our friends at 4X4 Off Road & Used Parts. Gift certificates will be given for the first three places and one will be given for best (or creative) of show. Now is the time to start building your valve cover for this years race.

The basic rules are as follows:

- * 15" maximum width - 30" maximum length - 10" maximum height - 10 lb. maximum weight
- * Weight will be by official scales only
- * No engines - No propulsion of any kind
- * One valve cover per chassis - No switching chassis or cover
- * Automotive valve covers only with stock gasket surface
- * Nothing can be mounted in front of either the valve cover or chassis
- * No moving or movable weight

The race will be for distance, exactly as in past years. Good luck!!!



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Hello from 4 Way Truck Stop

Shane bumped into Peter (that we met in Moab two years ago) in the “4Way Truck Stop” in Wells Nevada. He said that he had a blast 4wheeling with us in Moab. He even showed Shane his 2001 TJ with a 6” lift and lockers on the way for the next time he meets us in Moab.



Dues are Due

Dues are due from now until the March meeting. Dues are \$40.00 for members & \$15.00 for assoc. members.



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For Sale: 1987 Elite Motorhome
33 Foot, 454 Chevy
2 AC Units
2 Heat Units
Central Vacuum
Shane Payton 266-8982

For Sale:
1985 Titan 34' Motor Home
454 / Auto
Under 50K miles
Sleeps 6
AC / Heat
Loaded!
Blue Book is \$13,317
\$9500 OBO Call Brian Graves
970-897-2525 Home
303-944-2426 Cell/Work

For Sale:
Front Axle: Dana 44 disc brakes 410 ratio with lockright side drive shaft.
Rear Axle: 9" heavy housing 31 spline Currie axles, nodgular carrier 410 ratio, Detroit locker, heavy 9 3/8" ring gear, Timpken roller bearings, 11" brakes, Bolt pattern 5x5 1/2. Call Brad anytime on weekends & after 5 on weekdays at: 520-887-9104

For Sale: Utility Trailer
1992 6 ft bed, tilt \$750.00
Contact: Steve @970-674-0016

For Sale:
Detroit Locker for Dana 30 (f) up to 3:73 \$200
Set of 4 Pro Comp 6" HD Shackles \$75
Rock Deflector For AMC 20 \$25
York Compressor w/all brackets to fit AMC 258 I6 \$150
MSD Ignition, Box, Distributor Wires \$125
Call Richard Marolf (970)416-5972

For Sale:
Warn Trans4mer Grille Guard with winch plate For 88-99 GM Trucks. Black, good condition, Includes all mounting bracketry. \$225. Darren 407-6470wk/493-4997hm

For Sale:
Used BF Goodrich A/T 31X10.5 (5 tires) \$200. 970-353-9894 Dave Surface

January 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Years
2	3	4 Ted Miller	5	6 Margaret Atkinson Darla Miller	7	8 Michael Miller
9	10 BOARD MEETING	11	12	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Missy Graham
16	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21	22
23/30 CLUB TRIP	24/31 Taylor Crue	25	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29

February 2005						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Chris Mercer	2	3	4 Erin Lenderink	5
6 Paul Atkinson	7 BOARD MEETING	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sandy Vlcek	14 Valentines Steve Geissler A&T Shively	15	16 CLUB MEETING	17	18	19 Grant Akeman
20 CLUB TRIP	21	22 Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26
27	28 Gene Kapperman					

Board Meeting: Feb. 7 7:30pm Dave Oden
 March 7 7:30pm To Be Announced
 Membership Meeting: Jan. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Feb. 16 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: Jan. 23 **9:00am** Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox



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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

<p>Ft. Collins 4X4 Center 1101 North College Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-482-5500</p>	<p>Jackson's All American Sports Grill 925 East Harmony Road Ft. Collins, Colorado</p>	<p>CarQuest Auto Parts 2716 South College Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-226-5050</p>
<p>RockHard 4x4 Parts Lewis Barth 401 Jackie Ann St. Ault, Co 80610 970-834-0767</p>	<p>Fantasy's 4x4 4311 Service Road Evans, Colorado 303-330-3833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication www.frii.com/~frorfab cel (970) 481-6508 (970) 472-1846</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>MTO Suspension 2649 E MulberrySt Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-416-1234</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>		